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SYSTEM USING THE SNARE, AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLING THE MEDICAL INSTRUMENT

SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated May 5, 2006, Applicant has filed a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) herewith along with the present Amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests that, prior to continued examination, the above-identified application be amended as follows:

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